



BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the Regular Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, June 28, 2007

The regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, June 28, 2007, at 3:00 p.m., at the Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien, Rm. 328-A, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Jim Holley
Mohamed Okdie
Willie Hampton
Arthur Blackwell II
Erminia Ramirez

Department Personnel Present

Chief Ella M. Bully-Cummings
AC Robert Dunlap
AC Ralph Godbee
Cmdr. William Hudson
Cmdr. Brian Stair
Cmdr. Frederick McClure
Lt. Darwin Roche
Lt. Charles Wilson
Lt. Robin Kirkwood-Farrar
Lt. Jeffrey Romeo
Sgt. Dwight Snodgrass
Sgt. Brian Harris
Sgt. Romel Alexander
PO Sophia Nelms
Atty. Grant Ha

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director (**ABS**)
Lawana Ducker, Personnel Director
Denise R. Hooks, Attorney/Supervising Investigator
Arnold Sheard, Chief Investigator
Leslie Griffin, Community Affairs Coordinator
PO Kent Cooper

OTHERS

Atty. John Goldpaugh
Ron Scott
Jeffrey Nzoma
Wanda Hail-Ruffin
Media
Sandra Hines

RECORDERS

Terence Bell
Robert Brown

Recorders' Note: Due to a technical problem, the recording equipment was not functioning from the "Call To Order" down to "Oral Communication." The minutes of the meeting are based on notes taken by the Executive Secretary II and from written reports read into the record.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Holley called the regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:14 p.m.

Chairperson Holley acknowledged the presence of the staff.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Thursday, June 28, 2007

MOTION: Comm. Okdie made the motion to approve the Agenda.

SECOND: Comm. Ramirez seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Thursday, June 21, 2007

MOTION: Comm. Okdie made the motion to approve the Minutes.

SECOND: Comm. Ramirez seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

4. BOPC OFFICER'S REPORT

1. CHAIRPERSON

There was no report from the Chairperson.

2. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Atty. Hooks stated a petition for a suspension without pay has been received for Police Officer Gery Loftis, Badge 4994. A request has been made by Atty. John Goldpaugh for a closed session.

She stated that Exec. Dir Goss lost one of his aunts, so please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

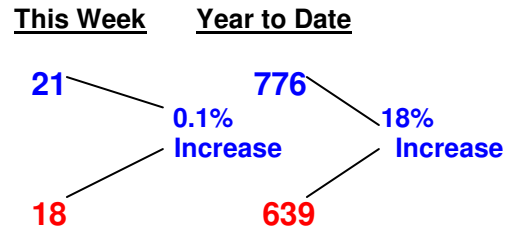
OFFICE CLOSING

The Board of Police Commissioners' Office and the Office of the Chief Investigator will be **CLOSED** on the following date:

- Wednesday, July 4, 2007, in observance of Independence Day.

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

2007 - Weekly Count of Complaints:



2006 - Weekly Count of Complaints:

- The Office of the Chief Investigator (OCI) closed a total of **131** cases for the month of May.
- The Office of the Chief Investigator submitted **4** cases to the Chief's Office for the month of May.
- The Office of the Chief Investigator has a total of **1,896** active investigations, of which **682** of those are for 2007.

TOTAL WEEKLY ALLEGATIONS

ARREST	1
DEMEANOR	9
FORCE	2
ENTRY	0
HARASSMENT	0
PROCEDURE	11
PROPERTY	1
SEARCH	2
SERVICE	9

TOTAL 35

COMMANDS

UNKNOWN	3
HOMICIDE	0
SW. DIST	2
CENT. DIST	2
EAST. DIST	1
WEST. DIST.	3
NW DIST.	3
GAMING	0
NARCOTICS	0
COMM/OPS	2
VICE ENFOR.	0
NE. DIST	4
TATICAL	0

TOTAL 21

5. REPORT/PRESENTATION-CHIEF OF POLICE

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SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS



"BUILDING A SAFER DETROIT THROUGH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS"

Detroit Police Department

Report to the Board of Police Commissioners

The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.

Narcotics/Gang Enforcement

During the period of June 18, 2007 through June 24, 2007, **Narcotics/Gang Enforcement executed 29 search warrants and 45 street enforcement actions** within the boundaries of the city of Detroit, resulting in the following arrests and confiscations:

- 34 Felony arrests
- 103 Misdemeanor arrests
- 2 Juveniles detained
- 1,132.20 grams of cocaine, 47.1 grams of heroin, 448.75 grams of marijuana and 123 pills with a total street value:
- \$ 540,685.00
- \$ 148,568.00 in U.S. Currency
- Confiscated:
- 12 Handguns



Engaging the Community

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

On June 19th, officers of the North-eastern District were patrolling the area of Jos Campau and Jerome when they observed an individual chasing another with a knife. The subject was arrested, and subsequent to the investigation conducted by members of Domestic Violence, the subject was later charged with (1) Felonious Assault and (2) Domestic Violence.



ATTENTION

Citizens wishing to make a police report may do so at the Districts in the city of Detroit. Citizens may also utilize the following District Sub-Stations to make reports.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Hours of Operation</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
2151 E. Jefferson	24 Hours	596-6400
7737 Kercheval	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	852-4778
13206 E. Jefferson	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	852-5759
19810 Grand River	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	935-5322
13530 Lesure	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	596-5300
12000 Livernois	24 Hours	237-2555

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Special points of interest:

- Next meeting:

Thursday, July 5, 2007

@ 3:00 P.M.

DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT
1300 BEAUBIEN ST., SUITE 328A
Detroit, Michigan 48226

Police / Community Intervention

JUNE 28, 2007



SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT

On June 22nd, officers of the Southwestern District were patrolling the 3000 block of W. Vernor. When they observed two individuals standing inside a locked fence of a business. Upon further investigation, both subjects were found in possession of burglary tools, the subjects were arrested and charged with Attempt Larceny \$200-\$1000.00.

CENTRAL DISTRICT

On June 23rd, officers of the Central District responded to the 6000 block of Avery on "Juveniles Shot." Upon investigation, an individual was arrested and later charged with (1) Assault with Intent to Commit Murder, (2) Felonious Assault, (3) Felony Firearm, and (4) Possession of a Short Barreled Shotgun. A shotgun was confiscated.



NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT

On June 18th, officers of the Northwestern District were flagged down and advised that an individual was armed with a weapon. Due to the officers quick response, the subject was arrested and charged with (1) Felony Possession, (2) Felony Firearm, and (3) Habitual 3rd Offense. A rifle was recovered and confiscated.



WESTERN DISTRICT

On June 23rd, officers assigned to the Western District responded to the 14000 block of W. 8 Mile Rd. on a "Breaking and Entering." As a result of their investigation, both subjects were arrested and charged with Breaking & Entering Building with a Habitual 3rd & 4th Offenses.



Chief Bully-Cummings stated during the fireworks yesterday the department only made one (1) arrest.

Comm. Blackwell stated one (1) for the entire evening.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated yes sir.

Comm. Blackwell stated the department needs to hold their own press conference to let the citizens, and the men and women of the police department, know what a wonderful job they did during this event, because the media in Detroit only want to cover the bad news.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated you are correct the department has to put their own information out to the citizens, which they are currently working on.

Chairperson Holley asked what was the crowd estimate.

Chief Bully-Cumming stated that normally they have close to a million, if not over that.

Comm. Okdie asked what the arrest was.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated for disorderly conduct.

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chief Inv. Sheard stated that Comm. Blackwell asked him to look at the report on Ms. Rochelle Green and the finding was that the officers were exonerated, but the rape did take place.

Comm. Blackwell stated the investigation warranted no discipline.

Chief Inv. Sheard stated that's correct.

Comm. Blackwell asked was the person who raped her caught.

Chief Inv. Sheard stated no.

Comm. Blackwell asked was she able to identify that person.

Chief Inv. Sheard stated no.

7. NEW BUSINESS

1. GRANT: REQUEST PERMISSION TO ACCEPT OVERTIME COST FROM THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (MDOT)

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has funds available to reimburse overtime costs for police officers to provide traffic enforcement for the M-10 (Lodge Freeway) Project from Jefferson to Greenfield.

It is anticipated that the need for traffic enforcement will be Saturdays and Sundays and that overtime would be provided for officers to work four-hour shifts during time periods identified by MDOT as experiencing high traffic volumes. Should this program be approved, Commander Dwight Hudson, of the Western District, would serve as facilitator and maintain a liaison with Mr. Victor Judnic, of the Transportation Service Center for MDOT, to determine the hours of operation.

In order to reimburse the City of Detroit for their expenses, MDOT will require a spreadsheet detailing the officers who worked the assignment, their hours, number of traffic violations issued, and the specific violations cited. MDOT utilizes a standardized form to document enforcement reimbursement agreements, which is entitled, "Single Payment Maintenance Contract", which denotes a total expenditure of \$24,115.00. The initial agreement will commence on April 30, 2007, and continue through the anticipated completion of the construction project on July 2, 2007. Reimbursements would be made to the Detroit Police Department based upon an overtime rate of \$34.45 per hour for police officers. According to Mr. Judnic, participating agencies normally invoice MDOT once per month for hours worked.

Approval of this proposal will be a benefit to the city of Detroit in that it will allow for an increase in patrol presence without impacting the City's budget. This increase in visibility can be expected to impact not only traffic violations, but criminal activity as well. In addition, the safety of workers and residents in the construction area and the nearby vicinity will be enhanced by targeted traffic enforcement. Finally, by providing for a closer working relationship between MDOT and the Detroit Police Department, the likelihood of the establishment of similar cooperative efforts will be increased.

MOTION: Comm. Blackwell made the motion to approve the Grant.

SECOND: Comm. Ramirez seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

2. GRANT: REQUEST TO APPLY FOR THE “GANG PREVENTION COORDINATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM” FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (USDOJ)

The United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, is seeking applications for funding under the “Gang Prevention Coordination Assistance Program”. The purpose of this program is to support and enhance the coordination of existing community-based gang prevention and intervention programs and strategies that are closely aligned with local law enforcement efforts.

The Detroit Police Department’s Violence Crime Task Force is preparing a proposal for \$200,000.00, with no cash match. In the event that approval is granted, Lieutenant Lewis Bray, of the Violence Crime Task Force, would serve as the project director.

Upon your approval, the Detroit City Council will be requested to adopt a resolution supporting this application.

MOTION: Comm. Blackwell made the motion to approve the Grant.

SECOND: Comm. Ramirez seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

8. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, July 3, 2007 @ 3:00 p.m.
Police Headquarters
1300 Beaubien Rm. 328-A
Detroit, MI 48226

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR FOR THE TERM JULY 1, 2007 TO JUNE 30, 2008.

Nomination of Comm. Erminia Ramirez as Chairperson of Board of Police Commissioners.

Comm. Ramirez accepts the nomination.

MOTION: **Comm. Blackwell** made the motion to approve the Recommendation.

SECOND: **Comm. Okdie** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Nomination of Comm. Jim Holley as Acting Vice-Chairperson of Board of Police Commissioners.

Comm. Holley accepts the nomination.

MOTION: **Comm. Hampton** made the motion to approve the Recommendation.

SECOND: **Comm. Ramirez** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Chairperson Holley gave a brief overview of some of the accomplishments during his term as chair, such as hosting the first department chaplain recognition ceremony, implementation of a short form by OCI, and continued collaborative efforts with the police department. He would like to see work on these goals continued: a quarterly coffee and cake for department retirees, holding community forums on a quarterly basis, and holding an educational and training retreat for Board members and staff. As he passes the gavel, he is confident that efforts they have started over the past fiscal year will continue to a successful conclusion.

Recorders' Note: Start of the audio taping.

10. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

R. Scott thanked Comm. Holley for bringing some balance between the police department and the community.

He wanted to get some clarity on a case where a citizen was awarded a settlement for an illegal body search and the officer who was accused of doing this ended up getting exonerated and promoted.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated the matter which you are talking about is being investigated by Internal Affairs. Under the collective bargain agreement, even if she wanted to, she could not deny an individual from being promoted.

She stated a lot of times the attorneys' will look at how much it will cost to go forward with litigation and make a conscientious decision to let the City know that it would cost less to settle the matter. Her preference is to not offer a settlement because of principles.

R. Scott stated that decision concerns him because it is conveyed differently to the community.

S. Hines stated that people seem to abuse their power and authority, and when it goes unchecked it gets more vicious. Every year the complaints continue to go up and it seems like the Coalition's work is falling on deaf ears. She is tired of the police officers shooting, such as the 12 year old who was recently shot in the stomach twice by a police officer.

She stated that actions speak louder than words and it feel like black on black crime. She does not understand it, and it seems like no one is pay attention.

Comm. Blackwell stated the Coalition has raised awareness because now the community calls in to file a complaint when they didn't use to. Now that they are calling in that has made a difference, your work hasn't gone unnoticed. The department is trying to find a common balance between when to be aggressive and when not to. The Coalition has made a difference to this Board, police department, and the community.

He stated that non-residency has changed the city's culture and that's a problem. When he grew up the police lived next door, or across the street. He is looking at way to encourage the officers to live in the City.

Chairperson Holley stated the Board agrees with everything that Comm. Blackwell stated.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated she would like to echo what Comm. Blackwell stated, because the Coalition does keep the department in check.

She asked about the statement that the police shot a 12 year old.

S. Hines stated the shooting happened down south.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated okay, because she wasn't aware of it and the department tries very hard to avoid bloodshed in the City of Detroit.

She stated that everyone who is involved has made filing a compliant more accessible to the public; by going online, and getting contact cards from the officers, has made it a better process because they are transparent now.

Chairperson Holley stated a request having been made by PO Grey Loftis, he moved that the Board of Police Commissioners conduct a closed session, pursuant to MCL 15. 268 (a) of the Open Meeting Act, to consider personnel matters relative to this individual.

MOTION: **Chairperson Holley** made the motion to enter into a closed session.

SECOND: **Comm. Blackwell** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Chairperson Holley stated the motion having been approved by a majority of the Board members, a closed session will now be convened.

The Board went into a closed session at 4:09 p.m.

The Board returned from closed session at 4:54 p.m.

MOTION: **Comm. Okdie** made the motion to return from closed session.

SECOND: **Comm. Hampton** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Atty. Hooks stated the Board is reconvening from a closed session regarding a suspension without pay recommendation of PO Grey Loftis, Badge 4992, assigned to Southwestern District.

She stated unless **contravened** by this Commission, the above suspension without pay will stand.

Comm. Ramirez abstained.

Comm. Blackwell asked is there an abstention provision in the contravention vote.

Atty. Hooks stated yes, she is abstaining because she knows the person.

She stated hearing no contravention, lets move on to the second matter.

She stated they went into closed session regarding strategy associated with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement involving grievance procedures with UAW, Local 36, and the Office of the Chief Investigators.

MOTION: **Comm. Blackwell** made the motion to approve the grievance procedure.

SECOND: **Comm. Okdie** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Comm. Hampton abstained.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

DLG/rb